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## Students honored for undergraduate research

BY JENNY MENDOZA

*Copy Editor*

There were roughly 3000 students representing over 300 schools, from over 35 states in this year's National Council on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). This year the conference took place at the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse.

The mission NCUR is to promote undergraduate research scholarship and creative activity done in partnership with faculty and/or other mentors as a vital component of higher education.

NCUR believes that faculty members enhance their teaching

and contribution to society by remaining active and involving undergraduates in research. NCUR's leadership works to enhance research opportunities for faculty and students. NCUR also provides support for faculty development and welcomes faculty and administrators from all academic institutions.

Their publications and outreach activities are designed to share successful models and strategies for establishing and institutionalizing undergraduate research programs. They assist administrators and faculty members in improving and assessing the research

environment at their institutions. NCUR also provides information on the importance of undergraduate research to state legislatures, private foundations, government agencies and the U.S. Congress.

The conference included a vast range of academic disciplines. Thirty-five Xavier students attended NCUR as well as Dr. Mack Mariani from the Political Science Department and Dr. Mullins from the Chemistry Department.

In addition to Xavier students attending NCUR, the 2013 Celebration of Research and Creative Activity took place honoring the achievements in the areas of undergraduate research and creative activities by students from all three colleges of the university.

The Celebration began in 1995, and the first several celebrations were held in the foyer outside of Kelly Auditorium and in classrooms of Alter Hall. Approximately 60 students participated in the first Celebration. As the number of student present-

ers increased, the Celebration was moved to Cintas Center. However, in order to encourage more non-presenting students to interact with the presenters, it was moved to the Gallagher Student Center.

More recently, it was moved to the Connaton Learning Commons (CLC).

The 2013 Celebration was held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on April 15th in the CLC and had 150 student presenters sharing the results of their work either as a poster or as an oral presentation. These students, who represented a variety of majors and programs, had been mentored by 38 faculty members.

Many of the projects were the capstone experience for graduat-



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Senior biology major Chris Lagnese presented his research on the circadian rhythms in *Drosophila*.

ing seniors.

The Celebration allows students to share their work, which may represent a 2-year investment of time, with the entire Xavier community.



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Xavier students presented their research both orally and with the aid of posters.

## Praying for Boston



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The Xavier Student Government Association (SGA) and the Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice (CFJ) worked together to hold a prayer service on Tuesday night in Bellarmine Chapel to remember and honor those who were affected by the tragedy that occurred in Boston on Monday during the Boston Marathon. The Xavier community will continue to keep those affected in its thoughts and prayers as they recover from Monday's horrific events.

## Owl City and Neon Trees perform for Xavier SAC Spring Concert

BY TIM WILMES

*Sports Editor*

Xavier University hosted its spring concert featuring Owl City and Neon Trees on Sunday night in Cintas Center.

The event was open to the public, as local Cincinnatians and Xavier students alike filed into the lower bowl of Cintas Center to watch the two bands play.

Owl City was the opening act of the night and played for about an hour before a 30-minute intermission as the technical crew set up for Neon Trees to perform.

Owl City got the crowd excited with favorites such as "Fireflies" (2009) and "Good Time" (2012), and overall had a good performance based on the crowd's reaction. Although some students might have been disappointed with the Owl City hiring, students who attended the concert generally walked away with a fun and worthwhile experience.

"It's always a good time with Owl City," junior Paul Heintzman said after the concert. "This concert was no different."

After Owl City and the 30-minute intermission, Neon Trees came onto the stage with a bang and plenty of bass. The rock

group, led by singer Tyler Glenn, came on with a much more commanding presence than Owl City and immediately got the crowd going.

After performing an upbeat opening song, Glenn came up near the front of the crowd and began singing lyrics to the hit song "Animal" (2009) unaccompanied by instruments. The crowd immediately responded in an uproar, and the band started playing the song, requesting the crowd to sing along.

Neon Trees continued to play for the next hour, accompanied by a number of stage exits and shirt changes by Glenn. At the end of the concert, the band came back on stage and performed their hit "Everybody Talks" (2011) as an encore performance.

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# Donuts for Darfur has sale this week



Donuts for Darfur sells donuts to students to help raise awareness for genocide in Darfur

BY REBECCA BAYENS  
Staff Writer

Donuts for Darfur will be selling donuts for one dollar each in from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, April 19, in Gallagher Student Center (GSC).

Ed Herbers, Vice President of Donuts for Darfur, said in a recent email that the group “is a social justice club...whose mission is to raise awareness of the ongoing genocide in Darfur.”

The group not only raises awareness but also raises funds through donut sales several times during the school year.

The money raised is used to purchase solar cooking ovens and food supplies for refugee women and children in Darfur.

Donuts for Darfur is incorporated under the non-profit Concordia-Humana, which was founded by former Xavier student Danny Sexton.

The group began in 2008 at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati.

Herbers, along with Sexton and several St. Xavier alumni, started a chapter when they came to Xavier.

Sincethen Donuts for Darfur has spread to many universities in the United States, and the Cincinnati chapter has raised approximately \$20,000.

“I love what we do,” Herbers said. “I believe it is highly rewarding to be able to know that what we are doing here at Xavier (and all our other chapters) is part of a movement to take a stand against injustice and get people to think beyond themselves.”

All donuts are donated by Busken Bakery. People who are interested in volunteering with the group can either stop by the table in GSC on Friday or email donutsdarfur@xavier.edu.

“So often when we read about the conditions that people face in other parts of the world, especially in Darfur, it is so easy to think I can’t possibly do anything to help them from here,” Herbers said. “Donuts for Darfur makes it possible for people to help make a difference, even if it is by doing something as simple as buying a donut.”

# Xavier partners with local business for student interns

BY LAUREN YOUNG  
Staff Writer

Xavier University is home to over 400 interns and co-ops from all over the United States during the summer months. A technology startup company called BlackbookHR, which is headquartered in Cincinnati, has partnered with Xavier to help interns adjust to the city.

BlackbookHR aims to help people create genuine relationships with those they work with as well as with the business community. They do this by using the interns’ Embeddedness Quotient, a measure of how connected employees feel with their job as well as their community.

This quotient was generated by Dr. Brooks Holtom of Georgetown University. Holtom’s research uncovered the fact that employees who were highly embedded were more loyal, had increased retention and displayed higher performance levels than those who were less embedded.

Using that research, BlackbookHR has developed an app called *Yocal* that will help interns develop impactful relationships in the workplace. The app uses pre-obtained information about the intern’s community, in accordance with the intern’s interests.

In doing so, *Yocal* notifies the intern of events that take place

in the city, offers dining options and details shopping sites, among other options.

In addition, *Yocal* has a 24/7 concierge service that permits an intern to get his or her questions answered quickly, similar to Live Chat, which is available on most retail websites.

Xavier has been known for housing interns during the summer from various parts of the nation. In 2012, Xavier hosted interns planning to work at 50 of Cincinnati’s top companies including Procter & Gamble, GE Aviation, Dunnhumby, Kroger, Macy’s, Fifth Third Bank and Deloitte.

By providing affordable housing in a convenient location, Xavier has become a perfect place to stay for those interning in Cincinnati.

“Xavier understands that by using our internship housing programs, companies are doing everything they can to attract and retain people who will be valuable to their company for years to come,” Joe Christman, Director of Gallagher Student Center and Summer Conference Programs, said.

“We know that if an intern has a good living experience in Cincinnati, their work experience is more likely to be better as well and they are more likely to accept a job here when they graduate,” Christman said.

A few anonymous interns com-

mented on their own experiences of living at Xavier while interning in Cincinnati and their utilization of BlackbookHR’s services.

“I was an intern at P&G two summers ago. It’s so easy to only go out in your personal neighborhood, but Blackbook opens my eyes to all the other new areas of exquisite cuisines that Cincinnati has to offer,” one intern said. “Also I love how I can just send a simple concierge request – about sports leagues, yoga classes or tickets to upcoming events – and someone always responds.”

“The biggest advantage [of BlackbookHR] is that those not from the area can get insight into events that we otherwise wouldn’t know existed,” another intern said.

“Using Blackbook as a resource during my internship would have ensured chances to meet new people, try new things, and truly figure out if this was the place I wanted to eventually live,” a third intern said.



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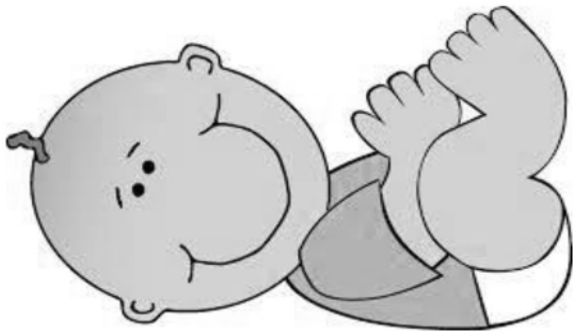
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Seniors needed for video

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African Student Association hosts African gala

The African Student Association (ASA) sponsored the seventh annual African Gala at the Contemporary Arts Center downtown. The sold-out ASA event was designed to celebrate “scholarship, culture and community.” Guests at the gala dined on authentic African food catered by local restaurants and heard a keynote speech from Dr. Jonathan Reynolds, a history professor at Northern Kentucky University.

Residence Life filling vacancies in university housing

The Office of Residence Life has some vacancies for the upcoming 2013-14 academic year. If you still need to finalize your housing arrangements, you can still figure them out before the year is over. The vacancies include individual rooms within larger suites and apartments and empty four-resident apartments. You must be a rising junior, senior or graduate student in order to qualify to live in the apartments. A first-come, first-served policy will be applied regarding these vacancies. Stop by the Office of Residence Life, located in the Musketeer Mezzanine in Fenwick Place, or email Sandi Schubert (Schubert@xavier.edu) for further details.

News briefs compiled by Andrew Koch and Lauren Young

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*Happy RA Appreciation Day 2013!!*



# XU to commemorate *Pacem in Terris*

*University to host lecture, high school program for 50th anniversary of encyclical*

BY MEREDITH FRANCIS  
*Campus News Editor*

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Pope John XXIII’s encyclical entitled *Pacem in Terris* (*Peace on Earth*), Xavier will host both a lecture and a high school program as part of the Year in Faith celebration.

Xavier has worked in coordination with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the College of Mount St. Joseph, the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center and the Educating for Peace Coalition to bring the events to campus.

According to the Center for Mission and Identity website, the Year in Faith is a period in which “Catholics around the world are encouraged to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.”

The *Pacem in Terris* 50th anniversary events give local Catholics an opportunity to reflect on Pope John XXIII’s important document, which he issued in 1963.

On Thursday evening, John Carr, executive director of the Justice, Peace and Human Development Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will give a lecture entitled “*Pacem in Terris*: Called by our Faith to be Peacemakers.” The lecture will touch on::” themes of human rights, international relations and the global community in

keeping with Pope John XXIII’s encyclical.

Additionally, 350 high school students will visit campus for a series of events called “New Hope to the World: Called by our Faith to be Peacemakers.” The day is designed to encourage students to carry out Pope John XXIII’s message of peace from the encyclical.

The students will attend breakout sessions led by various civic leaders, Xavier and College of Mount St. Joseph professors and Xavier students.

About 15 sessions are available to students and incorporate themes of peace and justice. Students will also have the oppor-

tunity to meditate, create a mosaic and participate in other art projects.

Jean Lim, an adjunct professor of theology, commented on the relevance of *Pacem in Terris* so many years after its publication. “Pope Francis reminded us of the relevance of *Pacem in Terris* today when he took

the name of Francis as ‘the man of peace,’” Lim said. “Today’s headlines tell us that Pope John’s plea to stop the arms race has not been heeded and there is still much work to be done to promote the universal common good in the challenges brought by globalization.”

For those interested in attending, Carr’s lecture will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 in the Schiff Conference Center in Cintas Center.

To learn more, go to the Xavier University Center for Mission and Identity’s website at [www.xavier.edu/mission-identity](http://www.xavier.edu/mission-identity).

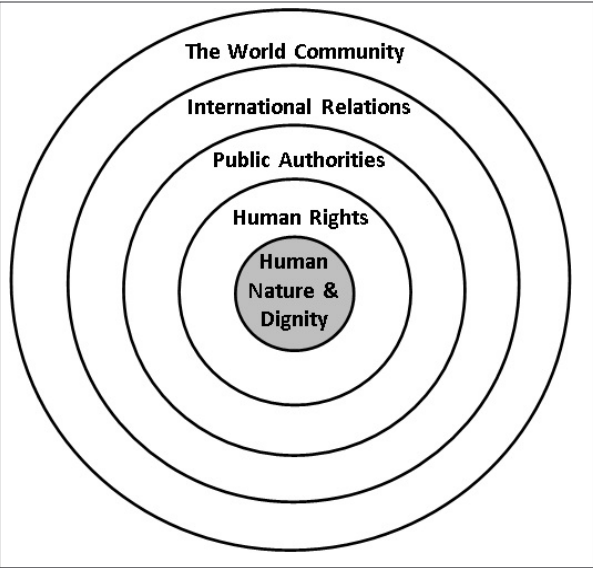


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## 5K Charity race raises money for Glad House

*Children's Charity Club holds race for more than 100 student, faculty and community runners*

BY REBECCA BAYENS  
Staff Writer

The Children's Charity Club (CCC) hosted its fourth annual Children's Charity Chase.

The donations for this year's 5K, held this past Saturday, April 13, went towards Glad House, a Cincinnati mental health and prevention agency that provides services for at-risk youth.

"This amazing organization works to empower children and families to break the cycle of addiction," CCC Vice President Megan Milo said.

The organization offers counseling, addiction prevention education, recreational activities and academic support.

Additionally, Glad House hopes to break the poverty, violence, neglect and crime cycles by creating positive role models in the lives of at-risk children.

"Our club members have been working all semester with the after-school program. We tutor, do art activities and spend time with these amazing children," Milo

said.

The race began on Xavier's campus. From there, runners followed a course around the surrounding Norwood area. A total of 119 students, faculty members and non-XU community members participated in the run.

There were 77 pre-registered runners and 42 runners who registered the day of the race. The CCC was proud to announce that they raised \$2,370 in donations.

"The mission of Children's Charity Club is to serve and advocate on the behalf of children and children's charities through a combination of work, service and fundraising," Milo said. "Sponsoring the organization with our annual 5K allows us to share its mission, offer a financial donation, but more importantly, show the staff and families of Glad House that we support and encourage their efforts."

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## POLICE NOTES



**April 10, 10:16 p.m.** – A student reported the theft of a wallet and cell phone, which were left unattended on the basketball courts.

**April 11, 9:32 a.m.** – The Cincinnati Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in the CLC. Investigation revealed that a beam detector in the ceiling was accidentally tripped by a sub-contract painter.

**April 13, 12:30 a.m.** – Residence Life reported an underage student carrying an open container in the lobby of Kuhlman Hall. An investigation is pending.

**April 13, 7:28 p.m.** – Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police in locating a student who urinated on the side of someone's house

while walking back from a party. The student was located and cited by Norwood Police.

**April 13, 8:41 p.m.** – Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police in dispersing a student house party in the 2000 block of Wayland Avenue. Norwood Police arrested two students for running a disorderly house.

**April 13, 11:35 p.m.** – Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with a room search in Buenger Hall. A small amount of marijuana and paraphernalia were confiscated. Students will face internal disciplinary action.

**April 14, 12:53 a.m.** – Xavier Police and Cincinnati Police investigated a report of a subject brandishing a

handgun in front of students as they exited a house party in the 1400 block of Dana Avenue. Subjects were gone on arrival of police. A public safety notice and Twitter notice were posted.

**April 14, 7:08 p.m.** – A student reported being harassed by a former roommate. Investigation pending.

### NOTE OF THE WEEK

That's a bad sign...

**April 9, 11:45 a.m.** – A student was warned for kicking over signs on the Xavier yard in front of Fenwick Place. The student was reportedly upset about failing a test.

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# XU Running Club makes great strides

By **TIM WILMES**  
*Sports Editor*

The Xavier University Running Club, started in 2008, has sought to serve runners of all kind, whether its members are simply hoping to run a half-mile or if they have been running all of their lives.

Members meet by the big tree between the Husman and Kuhlman residence halls every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 p.m. to go for runs, rain or shine.

Inclusion is a top priority for the Running Club, as they accept members of all kinds, and each with different goals.

The club is about more than just running every few days — in fact, one of the most important objectives of the club is providing an environment for improvement.

“We’re a competitive club and have so many members that want to continue to run their best,” President Caleb Childers said. “We strive to provide that for our members.”

As runners continually push themselves to achieve their goals, the Running Club comes closer together as one cohesive team.

Every Thursday, club members gather together to compete in speed workouts, usually partaking in track intervals to improve as runners. While this certainly can be a demanding training exercise, club members love these once-a-

week activities.

“It’s always a training that we all enjoy,” Childers said. “It allows everyone to do the workout in the same place and cheer each other on even though everyone is running at different paces.”

While there is a lot of training involved, club members are rewarded for their hard work by getting to run in various local competitions throughout Cincinnati.

Each year the Running Club is incredibly active in local races, participating in the Reggie Run, a costumed Halloween race called the Run Like Hell 5K, the Jingle Bell Run and the Flying Pig Marathon.

The Running Club is more than just a competitive team, however. This club, just as much as any other, operates like a close-knit family.

“The graduating officers are all seniors who have been good friends ever since we were freshmen here,” Childers said.

This familial bond that the officers share extends to all of the athletes who make up the Running Club.

Members not only share in each other’s pain and agony through tough runs around Norwood or in tough defeats, but also cheer each other on at different meets and rejoice in each other’s successes.

One such incident of suc-



Photo courtesy of Caleb Childers

cess came two weeks ago at the National Intercollegiate Running Club Association (NIRCA) races in Bloomington, Ind.

The club, which has been a member of the NIRCA since 2011, raced in the NIRCA national championships for the first time in club history.

“Both races were fantastic experiences,” Childers said. “We all loved being able to compete at a level like that after our high school running careers had ended.”

Most impressive of all, junior Sara Wilson placed fifth in the women’s long jump competition and earned All-American honors.

With such feats of success and high-level participation, the Running Club has a great future

ahead of it still.

Three of the four officers for next year’s club will be sophomores, and the club hopes to use this youth to continue building on what it achieved during the 2012-13 school year.

No matter what might be in store for the Running Club next year, one thing is certain: the club’s members will continue to operate like a family and keep striving to reach their goals together. And in this club, there is always room for anyone who is interested.

“We accept runners of all kinds,” Childers said. “Whether you run ultra-marathons or half a mile, we want you in the club because we’re all bound together by running.”

# Baseball sweeps in Evansville, Ind.

By **DANNY O'MALLEY**  
*Staff Writer*

The Xavier University men’s baseball team is now 18-15 after winning nine of their last 10 games. Most recently, the team swept the Evansville Purple Aces in a three-game series.

The Musketeers won the first game 9-7, the second game 3-2 and finalized the sweep with a 4-3 win.

Senior pitcher Jon Richard began the first game, hurling six scoreless innings and striking out five.

Junior Vinny Nittoli led the team with two hits and three RBIs as Xavier’s offense produced 11 hits.

Sophomore catcher Derek Hasenbeck was able to touch home three times and go 2-4.

Senior shortstop Patrick Paligraf scored the second most

runs for Xavier with two.

Evansville produced four errors while Xavier had none.

Xavier hit double-digits in the hitting column again with 10 hits during the ballgame. Redshirt senior centerfielder Mark Elwell led the way, going three for four in the game.

Sophomore first baseman Joe Forney and junior left fielder Tres Eberhardt both went 2-4 in the ballgame with Forney scoring twice and Eberhardt once.

Senior third baseman Stephen Schoettmer led the team in RBIs with two, while Eberhardt had one RBI.

Sophomore pitcher Jacob Bodner got the win in the game making his record 2-1 on the year. He relieved sophomore Alex Westrick in the sixth inning. Bodner went 2.2 innings and gave up one hit and no runs.



NewsWire file photo

XU baseball slides into Evansville over the weekend and scores a sweep.

A-10 BASEBALL STANDINGS		
Team	Record	GB
St. Louis	8-1	--
<b>XAVIER</b>	7-2	1
La Salle	8-4	1.5
Richmond	6-3	2
Charlotte	6-3	2
Rhode Island	6-3	2
Butler	7-5	2.5
St. Joseph's	5-4	3
Temple	5-7	4.5
GW	5-7	4.5
VCU	3-6	5
St. Bonnies	3-6	5
Umass	3-6	5
Fordham	1-8	7
Dayton	2-10	7.5

In the last game, Xavier was lifted to a win by senior centerfielder Daniel Rod’s three-run homerun. Rod went 3-4 in the game and finished with three RBIs.

Paligraf had a good performance at the plate as he went 3-5.

Redshirt senior pitcher Tyler Koors pitched a full seven innings, gave up two earned runs, fanned four batters and received his fourth win on the season.

“Starting pitching is our strength this year and I like how they have thrown so far,” head coach Scott Googins said on the performance of his pitching staff.

This weekend the Musketeers play Charlotte at home in a three game series.

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NL CENTRAL STANDINGS

Team	Record	GB
St. Louis	8-5	--
Cincinnati	6-7	2.0
Pittsburgh	6-7	2.0
Chicago Cubs	4-8	3.5
Milwaukee	3-8	4.5

AL CENTRAL STANDINGS

Team	Record	GB
Detroit	7-5	--
Kansas City	7-5	--
Cleveland	5-6	1.5
Minnesota	5-7	2.0
Chi White Sox	5-8	2.5

## Xavier golf teams on par this spring

By **NIKHIL JELAJI**  
*Staff Writer*

The Xavier University men’s golf team finished second in the six-team, two-round Detroit Club Invitational on Friday, April 12.

The team racked up a five-player total of 722 with Michigan winning the event with a score of 709.

Three Musketeers finished the invitational among the top eight golfers.

Senior Aaron Siekmann and sophomore Tanapol Vattanapisit tied for fourth place at two-over par 142.

Junior Yuki Kato finished eighth with a three-over par 143. Sophomore Connor Tendall broke the top 20 with a final-round 67, finishing at 147. This was the lowest single-round score of the day.

A notable absence from the invitational was Xavier’s top golfer, sophomore Korey Ward did not make the trip to Michigan.

Two courses were played at the Detroit Golf Club by the six participating teams, a par-72, 6936-yard layout and a par-68, 5983-yard layout.

The Musketeers play in the Rutherford Invitational this weekend in Happy Valley, Pa.

Coach Mack’s  
Tweet of the  
week

Head men’s basketball coach Chris Mack is considered one of the funniest tweeters in college basketball.  
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# Tennis, Golf prep for finales

By KYLE ISAACS  
Staff Writer

The madness may have ended in March, but the postseason lives on for many of Xavier’s athletic teams.

Several teams are still in action with tournaments coming up as the semester comes to a close.

In what will be the final season for Xavier’s programs in the Atlantic 10, each team is looking to secure a championship to add to Xavier’s pedigree.

The men’s tennis team will head to Mason, Ohio tomorrow to begin the A-10 Tournament and the women’s team will travel to Charlottesville, Va.

The men’s team finished the regular season with a record of 18-4 and swept through the conference, remaining unbeaten at 8-0 in league play.

As the top seed in the tournament, the men will have a bye in the first round and will start play on April 26 against the winner of the No. 8 and No. 9-seed matchup.

The women’s tennis team also went undefeated in conference play, going 9-0 in the league to finish the season with a 17-5 overall record.

In doing so, the Musketeers earned a first-round bye and will start tournament play on Friday.

The women’s golf team

will conclude their season in Southport, N.C., competing in the Colonial Athletic Conference Championship on April 19.

The team is fresh off a second-place finish at the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic, which concluded their run of six top-five finishes this season.

Last season the Musketeers finished in fourth place in the championship round.

Led by senior Breanna Patz and sophomore Abby Smith, the women’s team will look to improve on its performance from last year.

The men’s golf team will head to Pennsylvania this weekend for the Rutherford Invitational before starting the A-10 Championship the following weekend in Coral Springs, Fla.

The men’s team also finished second this past weekend at the Detroit Golf Club Invitational.

Senior Aaron Siekman finished in fourth place at the event on Saturday.

The Musketeers tied for second in last year’s A-10 Championship, just two strokes behind the champion George Washington University.

Both track and field teams remain in action. Their postseason does not begin until May 4 at the A-10 Outdoor Championships in Charlotte, N.C.

# Track keeps form in Tennessee

By CALEB CHILDERS  
Staff Writer

Last weekend, Xavier track and field faced its toughest competition of the season at the Sea Ray Relays, hosted by the University of Tennessee, and the team rose to the occasion.

The Musketeers had 10 athletes with a top-10 finish against top competition such as Wisconsin, Purdue, Ohio State and Indiana State.

With such tough competition, the Musketeers are looking to prepare for the prestigious Mt. Sac Relays this coming weekend in California and for the the Atlantic 10 Championships in May.

Leading the way on the women’s side was senior Rachel Clark who placed seventh in the women’s 1500-meter run. She ran in the showcase heat and finished with a time of 4:37.26. Also in

the showcase heat was sophomore Audrey Ramos, who came in 11th place.

The women’s 4x800-meter relay ran a 9:21.82 placing them in sixth place for the event. Juniors Abby Fischer, Clare Fischer and Madison Riethman and senior Kaitlin Price competed in the event. Abby Fischer ran a 2:17 leg to lead the group.

On the men’s side, senior Hank Geer picked up points in the 5,000-meter run with a fifth place finish. He ran a time of 14:42.78 and narrowly lost to runners from Middle Tennessee State and Miami of Ohio.

“Hank ran an impressive race. He was in a very good field with the Wisconsin and Purdue runners and almost set his PR,” head coach Ryan Orner said.

Junior Craig Krcal finished in ninth place in the pole vault and in 15th place in the javelin. His height was 4.60 meters in the pole vault.

This weekend the Musketeers will be sending their best runners to the Mt. Sac Relays.

The event is one of the most famous track meets and features athletes from around the world.

Schools such as Arkansas, Colorado and Oregon will be there alongside professional teams such as Nike, the Oregon Track Club and Brooks Beast.

Olympic heroes Ashton Eaton and Carmelita Jeter will be competing as well as other notable runners such as Alexi Pappas.

Xavier will be bringing a strong distance squad that is ready to compete. Fresh off of her seventh place finish at the Sea Ray Relays, Clark will compete in the 1,500-meter run again and the 800-meter run. Both Clare and Abby Fischer will run in the 10,000-meter run.

On the men’s side, Geer will compete in the 5,000-meter run while junior Tom Ohlman will run in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

After the Mt. Sac Relays, the team will head to Charlotte, N.C. for the A-10 outdoor track and field championships.

This past indoor season, Krcal placed first in the men’s pole vault, and the team is looking for him to continue his success in the event.

Ohlman is also looking for success. He placed third in the indoor 3,000-meter run and has been focusing on the 3,000-meter steeplechase this season.

The team will also be looking for a strong showing from seniors Evan Betts and David Gibson in the 110-meter hurdles and long jump respectively.

The team also looks to improve on its total points and be among the top schools in the A-10 this year.

# Tennis sees continued success

By CHRIS BEHLER  
Staff Writer

This spring season has been one to remember for the Xavier men and women’s tennis teams.

After a tough loss to the Ohio State University (OSU) in the men’s first match, they went on to win the next nine matches, including a seven-match, 7-0 win streak. The men finished their season 18-4 with undefeated conference and home records.

The women have also been having a successful season. They finished 17-5, along with a 9-0 conference record. With the Atlantic 10 Championship approaching this Thursday, April 18, head coach Eric Toth has high hopes for the women’s team as they prepare for day one in Charlottesville, Va.

“Everyone must perform at their very best,” Coach Toth said. “The doubles especially need to be competing with a lot of confi-

dence in order to be ready for the adversity the championship will bring.”

The Muskies’ undefeated conference record will prove valuable during the seeding process, as they hope to receive a No. 2 slot.

The men, however, have a slightly different mindset going into the championship. They have won the A-10 finals for six straight years. As their last year in the A-10, they hope for this year to be nothing but a positive experience.

“This is the guys’ last chance at another Atlantic 10 Championship,” Coach Toth said. “I know all the guys, including myself, would like to go out with a bang.”

The women begin Thursday, April 18, while the men do not start until next Thursday, April 25, at the Lidner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio.



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Senior Katie Pleiman looks forward to the A-10 Tournament.

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Ten minutes before 3 p.m. during the Boston Marathon on Monday, a couple hours after both of the winners in the men's and women's elite races had crossed the line, a large explosion rang out on Boylston Ave, followed shortly by another. One minute, downtown Boston was in the middle of its annual Patriot's Day celebration with thousands cheering on the runners making their way towards the finish, just over the 4 hour mark. The next, the Boston Marathon became the site of the first successful act of terrorism on American soil since 9/11.

The reaction on campus was mixed. Some, mainly native New Englanders or sporting aficionados, were horrified at the events that were unfolding. And why shouldn't they have been? Bombs were placed in trash cans along the finishing route of quite possibly the world's most famous marathon event.

However, much of campus seemed to just tick on as if nothing ever happened. Perhaps it was

the miraculously low body count. After all, the Boston Marathon bombings have taken the lives of three individuals, including one child, while other national tragedies have resulted in more than 20 people dead. Maybe it was the manner in which the bombings occurred. In Iraq, Afghanistan and Turkey, recent bombings have rocked cities in much the same way as Boston — with much more carnage.

A bomb in a crowded street in Baghdad or Boston doesn't create nearly the same sight as flying a plane into a building, but the effect is still the same. Bostonians felt fear, panic and terror on that day. While the initial shock has (maybe) subsided, it will never completely go away — much like post 9/11 New York.

Make no mistake: no matter the roots of this attack, foreign or domestic, this is terrorism in its basic form.

Four explosive devices (two were found and detonated by authorities) were planted along the

finish of a marathon course. This could have happened anywhere. It could have been in London this weekend or Cincinnati in three weeks time.

As we write this editorial in the *NewsWire* office, our hearts go out to all of the victims and their families.

Extra prayers are being directed towards the Boston community. We hope that the authorities will quickly find those responsible and will bring justice for those affected.

We wait urgently for the time when terror will no longer be a weapon and when the power of love will overwhelm all.

Whether you were directly affected by the terrorism in Boston, or didn't even stop to pray before checking in on the Kardashians, go out for a run today. Go out for several runs in the next week. Do your singular part to show the world that the actions of a few do not reflect us all.

We are Xavier Nation. We are Boston Strong.

# Letters to the Editor

Last week, Associate Provost Dave Johnson announced that next year the Women's Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs will merge into what he called the Office of Gender and Diversity. Mr. Johnson believes that a merger of these two offices will allow them to better address the needs of the Xavier community. In reality, this merger will effectively destroy one of Xavier's most important offices while simultaneously diluting the effectiveness of the other. The Women's Center is a vital part of the Xavier community, not only hosting a wide range

of events, but more importantly giving students a safe place away from the center of campus, in which they can find help for a variety of problems. Mr. Johnson's goal is to place this new Office of Gender and Diversity right in the middle of Gallagher Student Center, a huge deterrent for anyone looking to utilize the Women's Center discretely. The Office of Multicultural affairs will suffer as well, losing the close sense of community that makes the office so successful. One of the biggest issues with this proposed merger is that it was done behind closed

doors, only becoming public after the decision had been finalized. For two organizations that rely completely on student support for their success, shouldn't students have had at least some say in the decision to merge? The worst part is how students are continually reassured that they play an important role in further development, even though it seems as if all the important decisions have already been made.

Michael Lario  
Class of 2014



I read, with considerable interest, the message from President Father Graham S.J. in the Xavier Today newsletter regarding the Jesuit Catholic Identity Task Force. As a student from another Catholic university, several years ago, I witnessed my college at that time undergo major changes in conjunction with a strong emphasis on embracing its "Catholic Identity." That endeavor brought several problems that I hope the Xavier task force and campus community will be wise enough to avoid in its current process.

In the case of my former school, the concept of "Catholic Identity" ended up being used as a litmus test of all value. A vague and very limited notion of Catholic identity was treated as a wall which set the campus apart from society. The ultimate value of individuals, as much as campus

groups or endeavors, was judged against this concept. Not only was the majority of the 'outside' secular world found lacking and inferior, but also far too many members of the campus community itself.

This included not only non-Catholic campus members of good will and great talent, but also many campus members whose notions of Catholicism were "wrong" including several campus ministers.

I have many reasons to believe that the endeavor at Xavier University can and will be much stronger and more positive. The fact that this endeavor at Xavier is wide-reaching and open to greater input for the discernment process puts it on better foundations from the beginning.

In the course of growing up in Cincinnati and attending a Jesuit

High School, I was exposed to the best of what Catholicism can be: enlivening, enlightening, engaging and confident yet, welcoming. My experiences at my undergraduate college reflected little of this and showed me the worst of Catholicism. I am proud to now be a part of the Xavier University community, which consistently embodies the best of Catholicism. As it explores and seeks to embody the heart of what it means to be Catholic and Jesuit, I urge all those involved to avoid the pitfalls of exclusion and narrow concepts of the full, rich tradition of Catholicism. In so doing, Xavier can continue to embody the best of what it means to be Catholic & Jesuit.

Sean Murphy  
Women's Club Lacrosse Coach

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# Reflection on the power of individuality

*Robert Lisiecki discusses the importance individuality has played during his college career*

As my remaining days at college wane, I cannot help but reflect on my experience. For those of you who do not know me, I am fairly famous for walking around campus with my hood up and iPod jamming so I can avoid talking to people (my cover is blown). I have also been known to be a tad snarky when discussing my experience at Xavier. Joking aside, I would like to be serious for a moment.

I must make a confession: I have made numerous mistakes here, both through action and inaction.

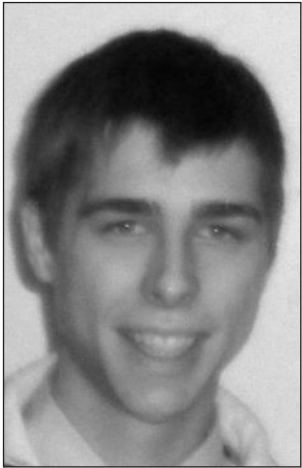
I often complain to people (usually jokingly) about my dearth of friends or my lack of satisfaction with this university. I sometimes wonder if I should have gone to a different university.

Would things have been different? Would I have a larger friend circle? Would I have been more challenged? Would I have been more active? It is really hard to say.

I cannot change my decision. I do not see the point in lamenting over this fact since it is permanent. However, upon self-reflection I

must ask myself: is my boredom my friends' fault? Are the failures of my college experience Xavier's fault?

If I am to be fair, I must truthfully answer no. Maybe Xavier is not the university I originally dreamt it to be, but I did not always pursue the wealth of options



**ROBERT LISIECKI**

*Head Copy Editor*

with which it provided me. I have witnessed so many people enjoy their experiences to a vastly greater degree because they sought out opportunities.

As for my "dearth of friends," that is again totally on me. I have not always been active in seeking

out friendships or finding people to hang out with. Many wonderfully interesting people attend this university, and I have found my best times to have come when I stepped out of my comfort zone and joined said people.

While I realize I have controlled my destiny, I have also often struggled with not being able to control others' lives. For instance, as an "all-knowing" big brother, I have constantly tried to drop knowledge on my sister.

I feel like at some point in life, we all know someone like my sister — someone you desperately want to help, but never seem to be able to reach to the capacity you desire. I am slowly realizing that I cannot change her. Furthermore, I will never know what life is like in her shoes. While we are siblings, we do not share an identical genetic makeup nor do we share the same experiences.

As hard as it is for me to admit, I cannot force her to do things my way. She is her own person, makes her own choices and faces her own consequences. Whether she learns or not is up to her. Granted, I can help her along the way, but I need to learn to let her be her.

Importantly, I think we all

need to take a step back and consider this point from time to time. Whether it is with family, friends or others, one can only do so

us. Certainly, we cannot control natural law. What we can control, though, is ourselves.

If we learn to utilize the individuality we have been afforded and stop trying to find excuses for our ineptitudes, I truly believe both our experiences and how others experience us can

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*Robert Lisiecki, Head Copy Editor*

much for another person. It is the beauty (and sometimes tragedy) of life. As individuals, as free-willed beings, we have the ability to choose and must face the consequences of our choices.

While I believe we cannot ultimately control others (unless you have some super secret powers), I believe we have the ability to control our own lives.

I believe that while people can be given tools for success or failure, it ultimately comes down to the individual. While a situation's outcome may be random, we can never know "what if" unless we place ourselves in it.

Sure, we cannot choose our family or genetic makeup. Yes, people can have an influence on

be much better. If you do things that make you happy, you can exclude that happiness to others.

I am writing this article for everyone at this university, for anyone who will read it, for my family and probably most importantly (how selfish) myself. Life is constantly teaching us with experiences that allow us to hopefully learn.

Like many people, I would assume, I am leaving this university with some regrets. Hopefully, though, I will learn and grow from my mistakes, and maybe someone reading this now will realize life is waiting for him or her to take the reins. If you are willing to control your life, opportunities will be plentiful.

# Life is too short

*Andrew Bush takes time to thank all the people who have made a difference during his time at Xavier*

I would like to dedicate this article to thanking people that helped to make my time here at Xavier wonderful and something I would not give back for anything. I learned a great deal about myself and about the world around us. Each of my four years here was filled with experiences that were both good and bad, but always valuable toward making me who I am now.

My freshman year I started out with a pretty difficult beginning and there were some central figures who were really important to helping me make it through that year. Adrian Schiess, Father Joe Wagner and Professor Mack Mariani were three figures who helped me navigate through some incredibly tough tribulations that year. All of their roles were a little different but incredibly meaningful.

Furthermore, I want to thank three friends; Matt, Spencer and Cassidy. These three helped to hold me together through some

tough times and stood by my side. Finally I want to thank my first semester RA Derek who introduced

rooms 103 and 415 that year, too. It is essential that I thank Mario Mercurio for the velour jackets he

**“Each of my four years here was filled with experiences that were both good and bad, but always valuable toward making me who I am now.”**

*Andrew Bush, Columnist*

me to painting up at basketball games, which would go on to become a big part of my time here.

My sophomore year was filled with a lot of great times and a lot of new friends.

I am very thankful for Peter, Nick and Jose, three of the best friends I made that year. There were countless other friends I made that year, many of whom I consider some of my closest friends.

I have many fond memories of

brought out to my buddies and I before the game against Western Michigan University that year.

Additionally, I want to thank Alejandro Mandel who helped me finally get through Spanish.

My junior year was another year filled with a couple hard times and some growth for me as a person. I want to thank Professor Timothy Quinn and Professor Pamela Roy for making philosophy and biology enjoyable for me, which is far from what I expected them to be.

Another incredibly key figure to emerge in my life was Father Albert Bischoff.

I will always be grateful for what he means to me and how he helped me grow as a person.

I am also very fortunate that my friend Jonny and my girlfriend Jamie came into my life.

I am so grateful that I got to know them both much better that year.

My senior year has been filled with lasting memories and some interesting inter-

actions that have made it the most unique year out of all of my time here. This year, I am thankful that Ron and Ryan emerged in my life as close friends, while many of the other fore mentioned friends

continued to be important parts of my life.



**ANDREW BUSH**

*Columnist*

Furthermore, I want to thank Jeff Girton and Professor Michele Bailes for the classes they taught this year. They have helped to make my senior year challenging and enjoyable.

Finally, as I look at my time at Xavier I have found many people to be thankful for and I was able to list some of them, while I know I could have listed many more. Lastly, I want to thank some of the most impor-

tant people: my roommate Mike, my parents and family for sticking behind me throughout these four years. I would not have made it without their prayers and support.



# XU Concert Choir’s final recital

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*Staff Writer*

For the past two months, the Xavier University Concert Choir has been preparing to perform in conjunction with the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati (CCM).

The music, a spring symphony composed by Benjamin Britten, is something different from the Concert Choir’s usual repertoire.

However, they couldn’t be more excited to perform the piece.

Along with CCM’s Chorale, their in-house concert choir, Xavier will be singing with the Cincinnati Children’s Choir.

This will be the final piece they perform this year, and it is not to be missed.

Benjamin Britten is not your typical composer. He tells an entire story with solos featuring animal noises, dissonance and excellent harmonies. These combine to



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XU Concert Choir will perform the Spring Symphony in conjunction with CCM’s Chorale.

usher in the arrival of spring.

It is a unique symphony and usually is the most overlooked piece composed by Britten.

Freshman Sydney Smith explained the collaboration of choruses at CCM.

“It was just a completely different feel than what we have been doing in rehearsal here at Xavier,” Smith said.

“Here, it just sounds so straight.

But when you bring everyone together, including the orchestra, it becomes something that was a delightful surprise. It reminds me of a film score. It is just so dramatic.”

The Concert Choir will be rehearsing at the University of Cincinnati until the concert.

The performance takes place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, in the Corbett Auditorium at CCM.

# Evil Dead chills bones and churns stomachs

GRANT VANCE  
*Staff Writer*

In contrast to recent horror films, *Evil Dead* re-animates the drive of modern horror films. *Evil Dead* is more than just a remake of Sam Raimi’s cult classic; it is an example of just how fun and exhilarating the horror genre can be.

Whether you have seen the original film or this is your first time to the “cabin in the woods,” this film goes a long way in terms of scares.

Personally, I think the original is one of the more frightening movies out there, so getting to see a modern-day twist with more practical effects was certainly a treat.

If the scares aren’t enough for you, there is also the solid backbone of a smart plot, a dabble of dark-humor here and there and enough homage to Raimi that will guarantee giddy fans all around.

The only problems with the film are the excessive amounts of gore and a couple of unorthodox character decisions.

The gore can be justified, as it is a possession movie involving

self-mutilation and adds to the “over-the-top” atmosphere of the film, but it could be a turn-off for those with a weaker stomach.

The cast is also to be commended. This truly was a memorable roster of “deadites” considering how small time they are.

The somewhat jerky Eric, played by Lou Taylor Pucci, was one of my favorite movie characters in recent memory.

Director Fede Alvarez really puts these thespians to good use in his wonderfully orchestrated masterpiece.

With a sequel in the works, Raimi has hinted at an *Army of Darkness 2* and a rumored crossover of the universes. There is more to be happy about than simply this installment.

*Evil Dead* is a great horror film, and I would give my right hand to see this reimagined franchise take off.

Newswire Rating:



# THE REVIEW CORNER



# Players’ Workshop brings laughs

JOHN APPELDORN  
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The members of Xavier Players are already known for their performances and productions onstage. The most recent production of *Workshop* showcased their knack for stagecraft and composition, giving students the opportunity to write, direct and produce their own skits and short plays.

This was the final production of *Workshop*, as Xavier Players plans to produce a full-length student-written play in the upcoming season.

“*Workshop* has allowed us to work with a lot of students’ talent, both in writing and in acting,” producer Katie Mootz said.

“It’s been great getting all of these different shows together for one last time.”

The show was held in the Gallagher Student Center (GSC) Theatre, allowing the performers and producers alike to utilize more space and technical equipment.

The show consisted of seven pieces, including a dramatic and raunchy rendition of the *Avenue Q* song “The Internet Is for Porn” and a longer skit titled “Zavier

Zombies” as a finale.

The show got off to a shaky start in terms of stage direction and blocking with the first two skits.

The action, dialogue and arrangement of scenery seemed a bit too spread out in “A Charming



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Students in the final pose of “The Internet is for Porn.”

Date,” a dating show featuring the personalities of three well-known Disney princesses.

The next skit entitled “Illuminated Illuminati,” a meeting of famous secret society members, exhibited a degree of awkwardness in blocking and sound projection.

As the actors weren’t equipped with microphones, it was difficult to hear all of the dialogue.

In addition, there was a con-

siderable lack of movement by the actors. Some of the humor seemed inconsistent with the subject matter, including a joke about the death of Princess Diana as a method to eliminate a target of the secret society.

The following skits were generally well done.

“Point of View,” a depiction of a couple with their inner thoughts personified on a date, was well-written and staged.

“Watch My Stuff,” although a bit talky at times, commented gleefully on Xavier students’ spatial habits surrounding the couches in GSC.

“The Very Best” humorously depicted the quirkiness and sometimes illogical nature of the Pokémon games.

“Zavier Zombies,” a telling of an XU zombie apocalypse, was by far the highlight of the show and alone was worth the \$3 ticket.

“Zavier Zombies” exhibited superb direction, acting, makeup and especially lighting. It moved well between the funny and the creepy, which is what made it so enjoyable.

On the whole, it was a good showing with just a few inconsistencies.

Newswire Rating:



# David Bowie's *The Next Day* review

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Few artists manage to make music for over 40 years. In the twilight of their careers, they tend to produce music that is simply “good enough,” like Paul McCartney, or can be downright terrible (I’m looking at you, The Rolling Stones).

David Bowie has released *The Next Day*, his first album in 10 years. The question is whether this is truly a good album, or simply good for this stage of his career?

The album gets off to a strong start with “The Next Day.” The song has an extremely catchy dance beat and Bowie provides his typical and distinctive vocal delivery. It instantly grabs the listeners’ attention, setting the stage for the rest of the album.

The second song, “Dirty Boys,” features an excellent growling saxophone which really adds atmosphere to the track.

There are a few really good tracks in the middle, such as “Valentine’s Day” and “How Does the Grass Grow?”

“Valentine’s Day” is probably the most typical Bowie-sounding song on the album and definitely one of the best songs he has released in recent years. It would fit perfectly on one of his greatest



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The cover of David Bowie's new album.

hits collections.

Despite these great songs and the strong start, most of the songs blend together. The album just does not feel like a typical Bowie album. If it was playing in the background at a party, I would not instantly recognize it as Bowie’s music.

There are definitely some great songs that fit well into his past catalogue, but it just feels as if there is too much filler.

Still, it’s great to get even a few good songs from a rock ‘n’ roll legend more than 40 years after he hit the music scene.

Newswire Rating:



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# Student spring piano recital is a success

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Recently, audiences were lucky enough to enjoy the performances of Michael Petrany, Tom Kelly and Patrick Rocks in the Edgecliff Long Recital Hall for a wondrous display of musical talent.

For their end-of-the-semester recital, these skilled pianists showed how much time, dedication and appreciation can pay off. The show opened after a quick prelude, introducing the show and its musicians.

Shortly afterward, Kelly impressed the audience with Beethoven's "Sonata in C Major, Op. 31, No.2."

Once Kelly concluded and the last chord rang out, Petrany took the stage for his performance of Beethoven's "Sonata in C Major, Op. 2, No. 3, Mvt. 1."

After his piece ended, the true conclusion came through Rocks' skillful interpretation of Louis Morau Gottschalk's "The Banjo."

The pace and performance of

all three musicians was impressive, taking the audience along with them.

Petrany shared the immense amount of time and dedication he had to put into his work, committing nine months of practice into his performance.

"It was a pleasure to share what I love with people who appreciate its beauty and significance," Petrany said. The audience could not help but agree that Kelly, Petrany and Rocks performed incredibly. The audience also learned a lot about their individual pieces.

The first two performers each wanted to show different aspects of Beethoven's music.

Petrany focused on performing the "quirky" and fun side, while, Kelly focused on the more complex aspect of Beethoven, keeping the classical nature intact while adding a bit of romanticism to the mix.

The performers demonstrated how far appreciation of the arts can go.

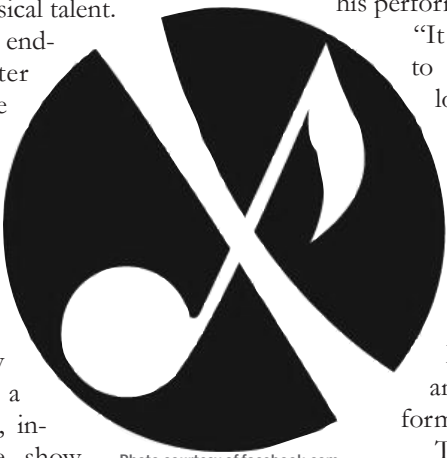


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# 42, a homerun

JOHN REESE  
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It is very easy for sports dramas to be formulaic and overly sentimental. However, 42 proved itself a notch above the rest.

The film follows the life of Jackie Robinson, played by Chadwick Boseman, the first African American baseball player to break the color barrier in Major League Baseball.

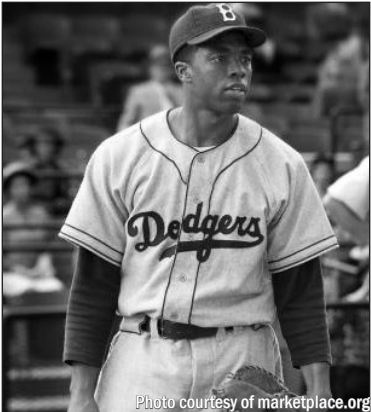
The film focuses on Robinson's first few years in the big leagues. Robinson is recruited by the Brooklyn Dodgers' General Manager Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, to leave the Negro Leagues and try out for the Dodgers. Robinson spends his first season playing for the Montreal Royals, but the next year he is signed to the Dodgers. The rest is history.

Boseman turns in a fine performance as Robinson, portraying Robinson's quiet strength and expressing his internal struggle during his first Major League Baseball season.

Harrison Ford gives one of his most lively performances in years as the over-the-top baseball manager.

The director of the film, Brian Helegand, best-known for penning Oscar-winning films like *L.A. Confidential* and *Mystic River*, does an adequate job with the film.

Events that sound grandiose on paper do not necessarily translate well to the big screen. It seems like Helegand wants every scene



Boseman as Jackie Robinson in 42.

to be Oscar-worthy when, in reality, each is not. The film does look good and he does direct the cast well, but at times he plays it too safe.

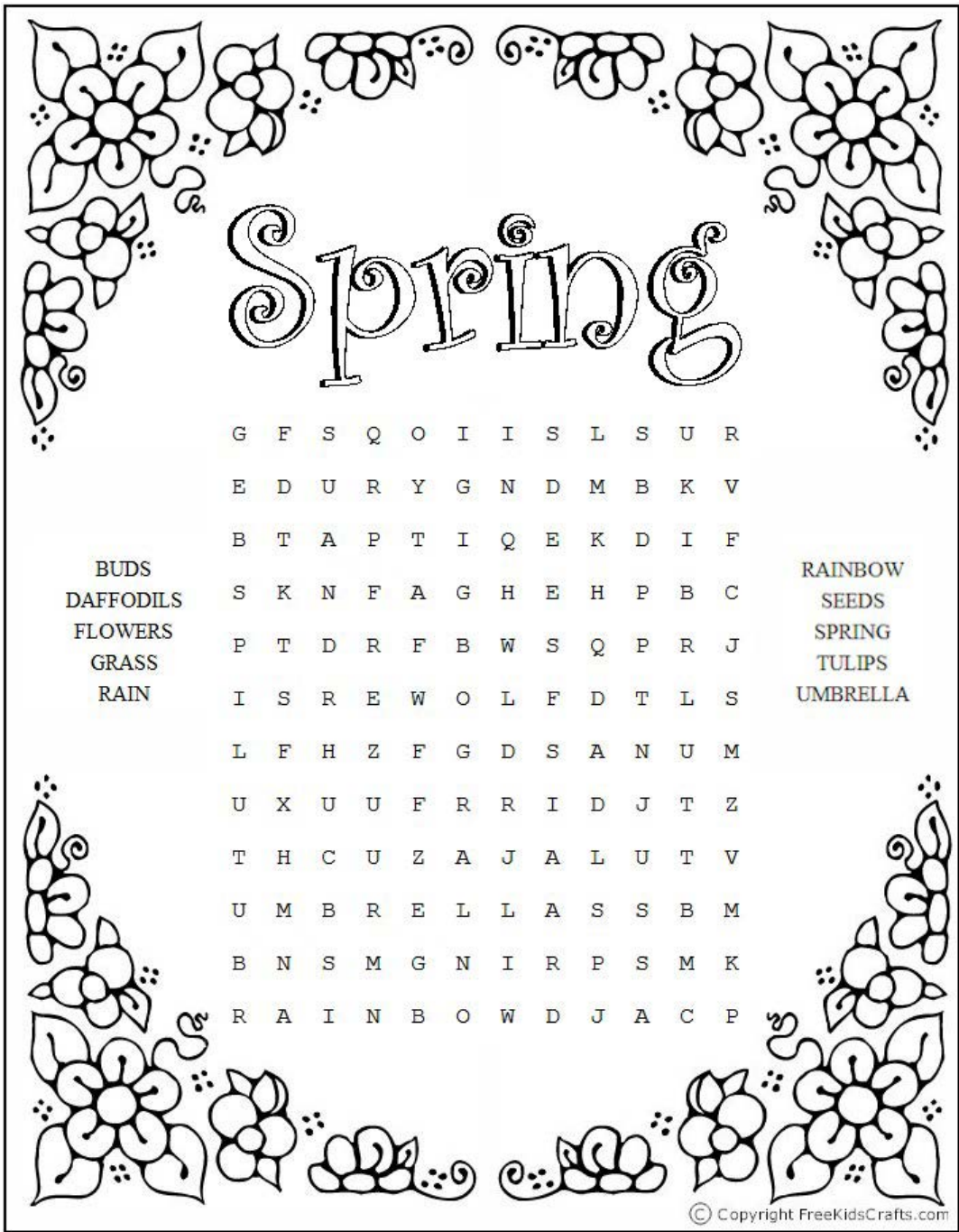
In addition, while Boseman's performance was compelling, I would have liked to see more of Robinson's background.

For example, the audience never sees Robinson's days at University of California, Los Angeles, and only sees minor parts of his days playing in the Negro Leagues.

42 is a good film, but it could have been a great one. Helegand plays it too safe and the film is too old-fashioned. If the film went a little deeper, it could have been an early Oscar contender.

However, 42 is still an earnest and respectful tribute to one of baseball's most iconic figures and will satisfy audiences.

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# STRESS OUT WEEK

As finals draw near, Active Minds is working to bring some stress-free events and advice to campus by hosting Stress Out Week.

By **HOLLIS CONNERS**  
*Features Editor*

If you missed any of the events of Stress Out Week, such as bouncing on the inflatables, the free freeze pops or motivational quotes that were handed out, here are a few other things that can help reduce stress:

“We recognize that this time of the semester can be really stressful for students. We want to do whatever we can to help students relieve their stress.”

-Kaela Allton,  
President of Active Minds

## TAKE SOME TIME FOR YOURSELF

Play a video game, watch a good episode from Netflix or anything that you might enjoy. These are great ways to de-stress, as long as the activity is enjoyed in moderation. Studying and some ‘you-time’ will both be necessary.

## EAT HEALTHY

Try not to skip meals or eat fast food, even though they are quick and easy options. Without an adequate amount of nutrients, the brain slows down. Eating fast food and skipping meals deprives your body of its required nutrients. You may also have a shorter attention span and even forget everything you were studying the night before. Maintaining good eating habits, such as eating regularly, are small changes that can go a long way as finals approach.

## GET ENOUGH SLEEP

As college students, we are programmed to stay up an extra hour to finish that paper or to study one more chapter. However, not getting the necessary seven hours of sleep a night can impair your memory, your attention span and your patience. Sleep is also needed for the brain to recover from daily stress, so without it, you might find yourself more stressed than the day before.

## EXERCISE

You may feel as if you do not have time, but even 30 minutes a day can help your stress levels drop drastically. Stress hormones will decrease and with exercise you can learn faster and think more clearly.

## ORGANIZE YOUR TIME

Write down goals for each individual day so you know exactly what needs to get done on that day.

## TAKE THINGS ONE DAY AT A TIME

You are going to overwhelm yourself if you look at the next three weeks as a whole. Take it slow.

## GO OUTSIDE

The weather is beautiful. Take a short walk, or just sit for a few minutes on the Xavier Yard. Give your brain a break.

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